

OUR TRANSPORTATION PUZZLE.

HEARINGS ON VARIOUS BILLS TO SOLVE DIFFICULTIES.

Senate Cities Committee Listens to Arguments for the Rapid Transit Bill, Citizens' Union Bill and the West Side Association's Measure—Mr. Grout Hears.

ALBANY, March 10.—Advocates of legislation to regulate New York city transportation facilities and providing that the city shall build and operate all extensions of the Rapid Transit Road were before the Senate Cities Committee this afternoon. Comptroller Grout argued in favor of his Rapid Transit bill amendment, enabling the Mayor to appoint a Rapid Transit Commission to take office next January, and providing that contracts for the construction of the new line may be let separate from its equipment and its maintenance and operation. Mr. Grout's bill eliminates the present provision of law which exempts rapid transit roads from taxation.

The second bill considered was that of Senator Elsieberg which is backed by the Citizens' Union. Among other things it provides that contracts to construct rapid transit roads may be let in sections and it makes it possible for other than the present transit contractors to bid upon additional lines of rapid transit which may be constructed. The bill also contains a provision for the separate letting of contracts for construction, equipment and operation.

The third bill was Senator Russell's, favored by the Committee of 100, representing the West Side Association and kindred organizations on the West Side. It provides for a local Board of Railroad Commissioners to take charge of the city without interfering with the Rapid Transit Commission. The Mayor is to appoint a commission of three members.

The Rev. J. P. Peters, E. B. Whitney, Charles O. Murray, James L. H. Hodge and Henry V. H. Stapler, representing the Committee of 100, appeared for the Russell bill, and ex-Senator John Ford, Thomas A. Fulton, and E. C. Huntington argued in favor of the Citizens' Union bill. With the exception of Comptroller Grout, who appeared before the Citizens' Committee, William McJannet, James T. Hodge and S. B. Donnelly, representing the Brooklyn Manufacturers' Association, had a talk earlier in the day with Gov. Odell. In the afternoon some of the members of the New York City, Mayor Low, Gov. Odell told them while he did not wish to favor any special measure, he thought New York city might have some rule upon this question and he would give careful consideration to any measure that might pass the Legislature and would not interfere with the powers of the State Railroad Commission.

All who appeared at the Senate Cities Committee hearing united in condemning the city authorities for the present situation in New York city concerning the construction of Rapid Transit roads, and pointed out that municipal construction and operation was a question which must be met now. They severely criticized the Belmont-McDonald Rapid Transit bill, which was brought forward to the statement made by Edward M. Shepard, counsel for the Rapid Transit Commission, that this syndicate had in sight profits of \$300,000.

His remarks—Senator Ford announced that some bill will be introduced in the Legislature permitting the city to take the situation in New York city. With his face somewhat battered, especially his nose, Comptroller Grout arrived in Albany to appear before the Senate Cities Committee. He was known to the Rapid Transit Commission bill. Last night, after attending a dinner, the Comptroller went to the Manhattan Hotel, to be near the Grand Central Station, to catch an early morning train for Albany. He was called, and in the darkness of the room and his strangeness, he explained, he hit his face forcibly against a door. But he did not prevent him from catching his train.

Mr. Grout wants the Senate Cities Committee to take the situation in New York city to appoint a new Rapid Transit Commission and providing for municipal control of the Rapid Transit road. Mr. Grout said to-day that his amendments to the Sinking Fund bill meant and the bill will be reported and the Senate will concur in the Assembly amendments. It is known that the Republican Party is not at all concerned over the question of whose bill it is, but that question was solely raised by Gov. Odell, who did not wish to give Comptroller Grout the credit for it.

NEW MOVE AGAINST REGENTS. BILL TO Deprive Them of All Supervision of Public Schools.

ALBANY, March 10.—The bitter feeling which has arisen over the several propositions for a unification of the State's educational administration bids fair to result, as in former years, in no legislation. The Regents' bill is designed to take over the State Department of Public Instruction and permits the Regents to appoint a superintendent of the common schools. Sup. Skinner, who is in favor of the bill, is now in Albany, practically abolishes the present Board of Regents by providing for a State board of education within the Regents to be elected by the Legislature for terms of nine years, which board will name the superintendent of the common schools. It seems to be conceded that Gov. Odell favors the Regents in this controversy, but both sides claim Senator Platt's support.

A new element in the fight made its appearance to-day. Mr. H. B. Hodge, the energetic, introduced a bill unification bill prepared by the State Department of Public Instruction which leaves both the Regents and the State Department of Public Instruction intact and pursuing their separate lines of work with the exception that Section 26, of Title 8, of the Consolidated School Law is repealed. This is the only section of the statute which gives the Regents any vestige of power over any public school system in this State.

Every educational department shall be under the supervision of the Regents, and shall be subject in its course of education to the Regents, and to all laws and regulations made in regard to education by the Regents.

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LABOR'S WAR ON THE MILITIA.

Hughes Bill Recommitted Because of the Opposition of the Unions.

ALBANY, March 10.—The Hughes bill, imposing a penalty upon any employer or labor union discriminating against a member of the National Guard or the Naval Militia, has been advanced to a third reading in the Assembly and recommitted, and what will be done with the measure is still uncertain. It will be amended in a manner to try to meet the opposition of the labor unions, but from what occurred in the Assembly to-day it is known that this will be almost impossible. The trade unionists say it is an insult to organized labor. "Big Bill" Devoy's man, Richard H. Butler, sounded a warning to-day to the members of the Assembly while a discussion was being held on the bill. He said:

"I want the members of the Legislature to avoid any criticism from the laboring men. There is only one class of men who workmen despise and that is a 'scab' and you all know what that is."

SHERIFF KAISER TO STAY.

Gov. Odell Dismisses the Charges Against the Erie County Official.

ALBANY, March 10.—Gov. Odell to-day dismissed the charges against Sheriff Harry M. Kaiser of Erie county, deeming them to be unfounded. The Sheriff had entered into corrupt bargains to secure votes. The evidence furnished dissections in the Democratic party, of which the Sheriff is a member, led the Governor, he says, to view the testimony with suspicion.

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To-day Senator Grady announced that the Democratic Senators would oppose the bill with the hope of getting a message. He said: "O'Neill was dismissed in a brutal and ungentlemanly way, but it would have made no difference to the result if he had been tried by a gentleman. We are not upholding Decey, but we believe the bill ought not to pass, because it establishes a precedent which may have serious disadvantages in the future."

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 10.—Three men instantly killed, one man severely injured and a number of others bruised and lacerated are the results of a fast passenger train striking a crowd of men at Fifteenth street crossing of the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad to-night. Only meagre details could be obtained of the accident, and it is not at all certain that another dead body will not be found. Two bodies were recovered and taken to the morgue, but so far only the left arm of the third victim has been found.

George C. C. Cone of 379 North Shore street, who was last injured, gave the name of one of the dead men as George Shickman of Baltimore, Md. Cone did not want to stay at the University Hospital, where he was taken, and was, therefore, locked up as a witness.

The scene of the accident was about half a square south of Gray's Ferry Bridge on the west bank of the Schuylkill River. There is a network of tracks here and a myriad of switches, and it is to these switches that the men probably were attracted. According to the statement, which the police obtained from Cone, there were eight men in the party, all of whom were iron moulders.

The men were bound for Baltimore with the intention of eventually going to Sparrows Point, to obtain employment at the steel works. About 8 o'clock A. M. the train came along and the men decided to board it. Unperceived by any of the moulders an express was coming along on an adjoining track and the passenger train ran into the rumbling of the freight even the near approach of the passenger train remained unnoticed until it was upon them.

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HIS FIRST NAVY EXPERIENCE.

Young Man of Substance Had to Compress Five Trucks Into a Dunnage Bag.

John J. McFarlin of Webster, N. Y., who recently decided to join the United States Navy, for the sake of experience, got his first grist of that commodity on Monday. He is a Cornell graduate and his father is a But he said that he was in the least bit sorry he had enlisted, and that he expected to return to civil life on land in three years very much better off for his naval experience.

He came to this city with five trunks. He very quietly arranged with the St. Denis Hotel, where he had been staying before actually being admitted to the navy, to send his trunks back to Webster.

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SOD TURNED FOR CITY COLLEGE.

Ground Broken at the New Site on St. Nicholas Terrace.

Ground was broken yesterday afternoon for the erection of the main building of the group of five which will form the new quarters of the College of the City of New York on St. Nicholas Terrace between West 138th and 140th streets.

The undergraduates, faculty and Board of Trustees went to the site accompanied by a brass band. Edward Lauterbach, superintendent of the college, outlining the development of the college from its founding in 1848 to the present time. Now, he said, it is a distinctly free college, dedicated to free education—a thoroughly cosmopolitan institution.

CHASE AFTER BOY'S ASSAULT.

Lively Run Through Downtown Streets by Crowd Going to Business.

John Crane, a fourteen-year-old office boy of 616 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, was on his way to work yesterday morning when he happened to brush against four young men who were standing at Fulton street and Broadway. One of the men kicked the boy in the abdomen, knocking him unconscious.

ONCE RICH, NOW HOMELESS.

Pauper Says He Is W. Pitkin and Tells of a Hard-Hearted Brother.

PASSAIC, N. J., March 10.—A man who said that he was William Pitkin of Poughkeepsie called at police headquarters last night and begged a night's lodging. His tale of hard luck so affected the desk officer that he allowed the man to sleep in a cell, contrary to orders. Pitkin said that he was a pauper and that he was in a church up there, and I suppose will let me go to a pauper's grave rather than give me anything," he said.

IS HE THE CHESTER HILL THIEF?

Goods Found on Charles Fraser Identified by William W. Hart.

CHARLES FRASER, 24 years old, recently from New South Wales, who was arrested Monday morning in Brooklyn, is thought by the police to be the same man who was charged for the burglary of William W. Hart's residence on Chester Hill.

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MISSISSIPPI NOW FEARS A GREAT INUNDATION.

Governor Thinks It Will Be as Serious as the One Six Years Ago—Alarming Reports Also Come From Memphis—Damage to Railroads in Nebraska.

JACKSON, Miss., March 10.—The flood situation is getting more and more serious day by day. Pearl River is once more rapidly rising. Reports from the Mississippi are of alarming nature, and there does not seem to be much doubt that there is going to be an overflow of great proportions. Gov. Longino is in constant communication with the members of the Board of Charitable Aid, and is convinced that the State is in for an inundation equal to that of 1897.

The Governor says: "It looks like it is going to be a survival of the fittest, so far as Mississippi levees are concerned. If our levees should prove stronger than those of Arkansas, then we may be spared an overflow, but they will be inundated."

Up to this evening six deaths by drowning have been reported. Most of the dead were unwittlingly driven into the flood's path.

GOV. MURPHY'S APPOINTMENTS.

Practically a Clearing—Ends Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

TRENTON, N. J., March 10.—Gov. Murphy practically cleared up his appointments to-night, when he sent to the Senate a long list of nominations and announced a number of others not requiring confirmation.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate was that of United States District Attorney David O. Watkins as Commissioner of Banking and Insurance. John L. Swaine, private secretary to the Governor, is a candidate for the position of United States District Attorney and has the endorsement of the Governor and Republican leaders.

BAR AGAINST PERSONALITY TAX.

The Association Favors a New Court House Near the Present One.

The Bar Association met last night at its house in West Forty-fourth street, and adopted the report of its special committee of five on taxation.

ARRESTS MAN HUNCHED WITH.

Detective O'Brien Lands R. B. Barrington on a Charge of Forgery.

R. Bradley Barrington, who has a real estate office in Nassau street and lives at 154 West Twenty-second street, was arraigned in the Tombs police court yesterday on a charge of forgery. The complainant was Paul F. Motley, who says he is an editor and who lives at 270 West 132d street. Motley alleges that on Aug. 1st last Barrington appeared before Hugh Paul Phelps, a notary public, and signed the name of Charles S. Grady to a deed which he gave to Motley in exchange for \$1000 worth of stock. Barrington pleaded not guilty and was paroled in the custody of his counsel until tomorrow.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

New Yorkers returning from Lakewood find no subject of conversation so interesting as the man in the Panama hat.

It is a guest of one of the largest hotels here and belongs to a family that has been known in this city for generations. And he never appears in the hotel without his Panama hat. He has it on in the morning when he comes down to breakfast and when he disappears for the last time in the evening the Panama hat is still on his head. Most of the men who sit about the corridors of the hotel are content to dispense with their hats. But the New Yorker clings to his Panama and parts from it reluctantly only when he enters the dining room. Its inappropriateness to snow and rain outside has never affected the fidelity of the wearer who has worn the Panama without change since the 1st day of last October. One of the clerks in the hotel has petitioned the proprietor to relieve the strain on him by posting in the office the names of the gentlemen in the Panama hat and the fact that nobody knows why he always wears the straw hat beyond the rumor that he is said to fear baldness from the electric light.

LOWNEY'S Chocolate Bonbons

Every Package Warranted!

If you buy Lowney's Candies in the original sealed packages you will find them in perfect condition, or money refunded.

"Special" Assorted, 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c. "Butter" 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c. "Pinks" 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c. "Fruit" 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c. "Chocolate Bonbons" 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c. "Chocolate Peppermint" 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c. "Chocolate Almonds" 1 lb. 60c.; 1/2 lb. 35c.

FEARS PANIC IN SKYSCRAPER.

ARCHITECT POST TELLS HOW A DISASTER MAY OCCUR.

Thousands of Tenants, Scared by Smoke From Small Fire, May Rush to Elevators and Stairways Instead of Staying in Rooms, and Be Suffocated.

George B. Post, architect of the St. Paul Building and of the new Stock Exchange, told the members of the Nineteenth Century Club last night at their meeting in the rooms of the Aldine Association that he was afraid some day there will be a frightful loss of life resulting from a fire in a skyscraper. Mr. Post was one of three speakers who had as their topic "Skyscrapers and Their Consequences."

"I am asked frequently," said Mr. Post, "if skyscrapers are safe and strong. Until something happens to the steel of which they are constructed—and that won't happen in a year—I would rather be in a skyscraper than in a modern dwelling in case of a slight earthquake or other such shock."

"But I feel confident that some day there will be a terrible disaster in one of the tall buildings. A small fire will start in the basement and will fill the building with smoke. Thousands of people will be in the rooms and few of them will shut their doors. They will try to rush down stairs or out by the elevators, which won't be able to carry the crowds, and many will be suffocated in the upper floors. I know that that is the dread of the Fire Department."

Mr. Post said that he and architects generally didn't approve of skyscrapers, but he thought that architects had done the best they could. He thought there should be a law limiting the height of buildings and the construction of such structures as the Flatiron.

THE KING AND FULLER SALE.

Receipts of the First Day \$10,552—Some of the Buyers.

At the first session of the sale of the late Clarence King's and the late William H. Fuller's art collections, which began at the American Art Galleries yesterday afternoon, the total receipts were \$10,552. Some of the best known people of the city were to be seen from time to time at the galleries, and a few from out of town, were present, among them Thomas B. Clarke, Payne Whitney, Stanford White, Charles L. Freer of Detroit, William Churchill Oastler and John A. B. B. B.

A covered bowl of the Yung-ching period made after a Yung-lo design, eight inches in diameter, for \$100. A Chien-lung vase that was as light as eggshell porcelain, for \$145. A Haviland dinner set of 131 pieces, for \$200. A Worcester dinner set of 14 pieces, for \$125. A Chien-lung vase, with apple-green glaze, and decorations of chrysanthemums and birds, nineteen inches tall, sold for \$100. A pair of decorated bottles which it would be difficult to match, of the Yung-ching period, for \$50 to W. L. Laffan, an old collector of Chinese art. A pair of vases, for \$20 to J. H. B. B. and a Crown Derby dinner set of 144 pieces for \$60 to a Mr. Gibbons, as the announcement recorded him.

MAINTAINING IN PENNS